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¶1. (U) In a series of meetings beginning January 20, Charge discussed the humanitarian relief effort in Haiti with high level Government of Sudan leaders, including Presidential Advisor Dr. Ghazi Salah al Deen Attabani. Pol-Econ Chief spoke with Tariq Abu Salih, Acting Director, Americas Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and on January 24 delivered talking points and provided him with a copy of the white paper (Ref B). Pol Econ Chief thanked Abu Salih for the government's efforts through the Dr. Magzoub El-Khalifa Charity Organization, a government entity, to explore ways to be of assistance. The charity's chairperson, Dr. Abdel Bagi El-Jaylani, State Minister at the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs, told Emboff that the charity would conduct a meeting with local and international non-governmental organizations on January 27 to discuss the situation and decide what to do.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Post does not anticipate that Sudan will provide significant material or other assistance to the relief effort.

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